

Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel claim 9. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A keyboard for a clam shell mobile phone, the clam shell mobile phone including an upper phone member with a display, a lower phone member with the keyboard, and a pivoting mechanism pivotally attaching the upper phone member to the lower phone member for pivoting the clam shell mobile phone between an open position and a closed position including a display, the keyboard configured for use with thumbs of a user and comprising: a left set of one or more rows of input keys and a right set of one or more rows of input keys separated by a centerline, the left set of one or more rows of input keys including a top row with a right-most key, the right set of one or more rows of input keys including a top row with a left-most key, and the right-most key of the top row of the left set of one or more rows of input keys being immediately adjacent to the left-most key of the top row of the right set of one or more rows of input keys, the left set of one or more rows of input keys arranged in one or more respective arcs having one or more respective arc centers located to the left of the centerline, and the right set of one or more rows of input keys arranged in one or more respective arcs having one or more respective arc centers located to the right of the centerline; and a substantially rectangular numeric keypad including a plurality of phone number input keys that together are arranged in a rectangular configuration for entering phone numbers centered below, and distinct from, the left and right sets of one or more

rows of input keys, wherein the left set of one or more rows of input keys and the right set of one or more rows of input keys are sandwiched between the display and the substantially rectangular numeric keypad,

wherein each row of the one or more rows of each set include a left-most input key and a right-most input key, the left set of one or more rows are opposite the right set of one or more rows, and lines drawn through the left-most input key and the right most input key of opposite rows intersect the centerline at one or more points adjacent to the left-most input key and the right most input key to form a V shape with a vertex intersecting the centerline and an opposite open end, the open end of the V shape directed towards and closer to the display and the vertex directed towards and closer to the numeric keypad when the clam shell mobile phone is in the open position.

2. (Original) The keyboard of claim 1, wherein the keyboard has a QWERTY keyboard layout.

3. (Withdrawn) The keyboard of claim 1, wherein the keyboard has a DVORAK keyboard layout.

4. (Original) The keyboard of claim 1, wherein the one or more respective arc centers of the left set of one or more rows of input keys are concentric and the one or more respective arc centers of the right set of one or more rows of input keys are concentric.

5. (Original) The keyboard of claim 1, wherein the one or more respective arc centers of the left set of one or more rows of input keys are collinear and the one or more respective arc centers of the right set of one or more rows of input keys are collinear.

6. (Original) The keyboard of claim 1, wherein the one or more respective arc centers of the left set of one or more rows of input keys are collinear and located in at least one of a vertical line and a horizontal line and the one or more respective arc centers of the right set of one or more rows of input keys are collinear and located in at least one of a vertical line and a horizontal line.

7. (Previously Presented) The keyboard of claim 1, wherein the respective arcs of the left set of one or more rows of input keys and the respective arcs of the right set of one or more rows of input keys include radii of curvature between 10 mm and infinity.

8. (Previously Presented) The keyboard of claim 1, wherein the arcs of the left set of one or more rows of input keys and the arcs of the right set of one or more rows of input keys form respective angles between 0 and 90 degrees with respect to the centerline.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) A keyboard for a clam shell mobile phone, the clam shell

mobile phone including an upper phone member with a display, a lower phone member with the keyboard, and a pivoting mechanism pivotally attaching the upper phone member to the lower phone member for pivoting the clam shell mobile phone between an open position and a closed position including a display, the keyboard configured for use with thumbs of a user and comprising: a left set of one or more rows of input keys including a left-most input key and a right most input key and a right set of one or more rows of input keys including a left-most input key and a right most input key separated by a centerline, the left set of one or more rows are opposite the right set of one or more rows, and lines drawn through the left-most input key and the right most input key of opposite rows intersect the centerline, immediately adjacent the right-most input key of the left set of one or more rows of input keys and the left-most input key of the right set of one or more rows of input keys, to form a V shape with a vertex intersecting the centerline and an opposite open end; and a substantially rectangular numeric keypad including a plurality of phone number input keys that together are arranged in a rectangular configuration for entering phone numbers centered below, and distinct from, the left and right sets of one or more rows of input keys, wherein the left set of one or more rows of input keys and the right set of one or more rows of input keys are sandwiched between the display and the substantially rectangular numeric keypad, and the open end of the V shape directed towards and closer to the display and the vertex directed towards and closer to the numeric keypad when the clam shell mobile phone is in the open position.

11. (Original) The keyboard of claim 10, wherein the keyboard has a QWERTY keyboard layout.

12. (Withdrawn) The keyboard of claim 10, wherein the keyboard has a DVORAK keyboard layout.

13. (Original) The keyboard of claim 10, wherein the lines drawn through the left-most input key and the right most input key of each row intersect at the centerline to form an angle with respect to the centerline that is between 0 degrees and 90 degrees.

14. (Original) The keyboard of claim 10, wherein the left set of one or more rows of input keys are arranged in one or more respective arcs having one or more respective arc centers located to the left of the centerline, and the right set of one or more rows of input keys are arranged in one or more respective arcs having one or more respective arc centers located to the right of the centerline.

15. (Previously Presented) The keyboard of claim 14, wherein the respective arcs of the left set of one or more rows of input keys and the respective arcs of the right set of one or more rows of input keys include radii of curvature between 10 mm and infinity.

16. (Currently Amended) A method of using a keyboard for a clam shell mobile phone with left and right thumbs of a user, the clam shell mobile phone including an upper phone member with a display, a lower phone member with the keyboard, and a

pivoting mechanism pivotally attaching the upper phone member to the lower phone member for pivoting the clam shell mobile phone between an open position and a closed position, the method comprising: providing a thumb keyboard for a mobile phone including a display, the thumb keyboard including a left set of one or more rows of input keys including a left-most input key and a right most input key and a right set of one or more rows of input keys including a left-most input key and a right most input key separated by a centerline, the left set of one or more rows are opposite the right set of one or more rows, and lines drawn through the left-most input key and the right most input key of opposite rows intersect the centerline, immediately adjacent the right-most input key of the left set of one or more rows of input keys and the left-most input key of the right set of one or more rows of input keys, to form a V shape with a vertex intersecting the centerline and an opposite open end; and a substantially rectangular numeric keypad including a plurality of phone number input keys that together are arranged in a rectangular configuration for entering phone numbers centered below, and distinct from, the left and right sets of one or more rows of input keys, wherein the left set of one or more rows of input keys and the right set of one or more rows of input keys are sandwiched between the display and the substantially rectangular numeric keypad, and the open end of the V shape directed towards and closer to the display and the vertex directed towards and closer to the numeric keypad when the clam shell mobile phone is in the open position; using only the left thumb to input information into the handheld electronic device using the left set of one or more rows of input keys; using only the right thumb to input information into the handheld electronic device using the right set of one or more rows of input keys.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, wherein the keyboard has a QWERTY keyboard layout.

18. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein the lines drawn through the left-most input key and the right most input key of each row intersect at the centerline to form an angle with respect to the centerline that is between 0 degrees and 90 degrees.

19. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein the left set of one or more rows of input keys are arranged in one or more respective arcs having one or more respective arc centers located to the left of the centerline, and the right set of one or more rows of input keys are arranged in one or more respective arcs having one or more respective arc centers located to the right of the centerline.

20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, wherein the respective arcs of the left set of one or more rows of input keys and the respective arcs of the right set of one or more rows of input keys include radii of curvature between 10 mm and infinity.